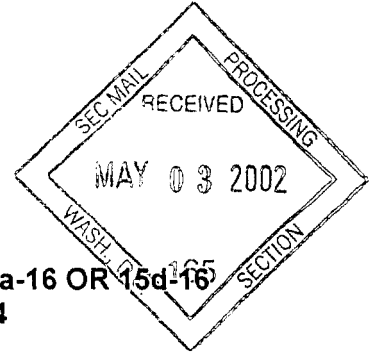


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Washington, D.C. 20549



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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of MAY, 20 02

SPIRENT plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Spirent House, Crawley Business Quarter, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9QL, UK

(Address of principal executive office)

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934] Yes ☐ No ☒

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LUKE THOMAS

(Registrant)

Date

1 MAY 2002

By

Luke Thomas

(Signature)\*



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## **SPIRENT PLC SALE OF SWITCHING SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INC**

Spirent plc, the international network technology company, announces that it has sold the business and certain assets of Switching Systems International Inc, a company within its Systems group, for a consideration of up to \$9.1 million (approximately £6.3 million) in cash.

For the year ended 31 December 2001, the business being sold had an unaudited operating loss (before amortisation of goodwill) of \$3.4 million (approximately £2.3 million). The business has a carrying value in the accounts of Spirent plc of approximately £11.7 million and its sale will result in an associated goodwill write back of £10.2 million. The sale will be reported in Spirent plc's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2002 as a non-operating exceptional item.

This sale represents a further step in the Company's strategy of focusing on network technology activities.

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### **Background note:**

### **About Spirent**

Spirent plc is an international network technology company providing state-of-the-art solutions with a focus on high growth activities. Our Communications group unites leading edge performance analysis technology with network operations expertise, enabling customers to accelerate the development, deployment and assurance of next generation network equipment and services worldwide. Further information about Spirent plc can be found at [www.spirent.com](http://www.spirent.com)



Spirent plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange (ticker: SPT) and on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker: SPM; CUSIP number: 84856M209) with one American Depositary Receipt representing four Ordinary shares.

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